

15. (As Filed) The activity-based business modeling program product for the organization as recited in claim 13, wherein the resource entry is associated with at least one system entry.

16. (As Filed) The activity-based business modeling program product for the organization as recited in claim 13, wherein:

at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the system entry is derived from a template; and

the template is not produced by an end user.

17. (As Filed) The activity-based business modeling program product for the organization as recited in claim 13, further comprising code for retrieving at least one of the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry from a predefined template.

18. (As Filed) The activity-based business modeling program product for the organization as recited in claim 13, wherein the organization comprises at least one of a project(s), a department(s), a whole company, and a family of companies.

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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with marking to show changes made." Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 13 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-18 are present for examination.

CONCLUSION

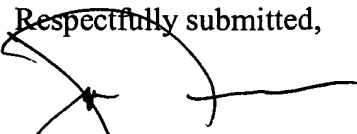
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Amended) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization that doesn't require historical information from a general ledger, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a plurality of task entries;

receiving a plurality of resource entries, wherein each resource entry indicates any associated personnel, any associated hardware, any associated software, and any associated services;

receiving mapping information that shows a relationship between the plurality of task entries and the plurality of resource entries;

processing [at least two of an activity entry, a task entry, a resource entry, and a system entry] the plurality of task entries, the plurality of resource entries and the mapping information to formulate a business model;

[mapping together at least two of the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry;] and

generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to the business model[at least two of the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry].

2. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of attributing overhead expenses to the organization as a whole.

3. (Amended) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of resource entries [the resource entry] is associated with at least one system entry.

4. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein:

at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the system entry is derived from a template; and

the template is not produced by an end user.

5. (Amended) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of retrieving at least one of the plurality of task entries and the plurality of resource entries [the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry] from a predefined template.

6. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein the organization comprises at least one of a project(s), a department(s), a whole company, and a family of companies.

7. (Amended) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization without requiring historical information from a general ledger for the organization, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a task entry and a resource entry;

correlating the task entry to the resource entry;

processing the resource entry and the [a] task entry before entry of any historical information for the organization, wherein a business model for the organization is formulated;

[processing a resource entry;

correlating the task entry to the resource entry;]

generating a forward-looking report using the business model[at least one of the task entry and the resource entry].

8. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing an activity entry.

9. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing a system entry.

10. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 9, further comprising a step of determining a demand for the system entry for an activity volume.

11. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, wherein the forward-looking report is chosen from the group consisting of: a head count report, a multi-year projection, and an activity-based costing report.

12. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising steps of:  
processing an activity entry; and  
processing a system entry, wherein:  
at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry,  
and the resource entry is derived from a template; and  
the template is not produced by an end user.

13. (Amended) An activity-based business modeling program product for producing a business model of an organization without requiring historical information from a general ledger for the organization, the program product comprising:  
code for processing at least two of an activity entry, a task entry, a resource entry, and a system entry;

code for receiving an activity volume over a predetermined time period,

wherein:

the activity entry comprises the activity volume, and

the predetermined time period is a multiple of a time period used

for the business model;

code for mapping together at least two of the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry;

code for generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to the at least two [of the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry]; and

a machine-readable medium comprising the codes.

14. (As Filed) The activity-based business modeling program product for the organization as recited in claim 13, further comprising code for attributing overhead expenses to the organization as a whole.

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